Maryland Board of Pharmacy Public Board Meeting

Minutes September 18, 2019

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Ashby, D.	Commissioner		
Bouyoukas, E	Commissioner		
Evans, K.	Commissioner		
Hardesty, J.	Commissioner/Treasurer		
Laws Jr, A.	Commissioner		
Leikach, N.	Commissioner		
Morgan, K.	Commissioner/President		
Oliver, B	Commissioner		
Rusinko, K.	Commissioner		
Yankellow, E.	Commissioner		
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel		
Felter, B.	Board Counsel		
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director		
Fields, E.	Deputy Director / Operations		
James, D.	Licensing Manager		
Leak, T.	Compliance Director		
Clark, B.	Legislative Liaison		
Chew, C.	Management Associate		

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I. Executive Committee Report(s)	K. Morgan, Board President	Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda are advised to notify the Board at this time or when the issue is addressed in the agenda. 1. Call to Order 9:32 AM 2. Sign-in Introduction and of meeting attendees – (Please indicate on sign-in sheet if you are requesting CE Units for attendance) 3. Distribution of Agenda and packet materials	Motion by D. Ashby	The Board voted to
		4. Review and approve August 2019 Public Meeting Minutes	Motion by D. Ashby approval of August 2019 Public Meeting minutes 2 nd by E. Yankellow	approve this motion
II. A. Executive Director Report	D. Speights- Napata, Executive Director	1. Staffing and Training Update	1a. D. Speights-Napata introduced Sabrina Mercer as new Licensing Specialist b. Position posted on state website for full time	
		2. Board Vacancies	Investigative Supervisor 2. Currently have 3 board meeting vacancies. One At-Large Representative, one Independent Pharmacist, one Consumer Representative will become vacant next month	

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		3. Upcoming Meetings	3. NABP district
			meeting- Board
			President K. Morgan,
			Commissioner N.
			Leikach and
			Executive Director D.
			Speights-Napata will
			attend.
		4. CE Breakfast Reminder	4. Registration is open
		32 2	and available on website.
			Close to 300 licensees
			have signed up.
		5. National Boards of Pharmacy MPJE Multi-State	5. D. Speights-Napata
		Question Review MeetingKarla Evans	turned over to K. Evans.
		Question Review MeetingRana Evans	K. Evans and K. Rusinko
			attended the meeting.
			MPJE now has a pre-test
			that they offer on their
			website for last year
			pharmacy students and
			graduates.
B. Operations	E. Fields,	1. Procurement and Budget Updates	Same as August finances
	Deputy	a: August 2019 Financial Statements	
	Director/		Starting with November
	Operations	2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit	renewals, 10% of
		Updates	vaccination licenses will
		None	be selected for audit
C. Licensing	E. Bouyoukas,	1. Unit Updates	Numbers reflect most
2. 2	Commissioner	•	updated
		2. Monthly Statistics	<u> </u>

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		License Type	New	Renewed	Reinstated	To	otal	
		Distributor	11	27	0	1,314		
		Pharmacy	8	0	0	2,052		
		Pharmacist	117	459	0	12,27	1	
		Vaccination	69	81	0	4,769		
		Pharmacy Intern - Graduate	8	0	0	50		
		Pharmacy Intern - Student	22	10	0	796		
		Pharmacy Technician	120	355	2	9,894		
		Pharmacy Technician- Student	2	0	1	28		
		TOTAL	357	932	3	31,25	7	
D. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	1. Unit Upda 2. Monthly		l		1	Numbers reflect most updated	
		Complaints & Inv		s :				
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		Total - 132 Annual Inspections - 123 Opening Inspections - 3 Closing Inspections - 5 Relocation/Change of Ownership Inspections - 1 Board Special Investigation Inspections - 0		
E. Legislation & Regulations	B. Clark, Legislative Liaison	Regulations COMAR 10.19.03.08C and 21 C.F.R §1306.13: Regulatory edits: 21 C.F.R. § 1306.13 (a) The partial filling of a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II is permissible if the pharmacist is unable to supply the full quantity called for in a written or emergency oral prescription and he makes a notation of the quantity supplied on the face of the written prescription, written record of the emergency oral prescription, or in the electronic prescription record. The remaining portion of the prescription may be filled within 72 hours of the first partial filling; however, if the remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within the 72–hour period, the pharmacist shall notify the	10.19.03.08 MD regulation less restrictive than federal regulation	

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Subject		prescribing individual practitioner. No further quantity may be supplied beyond 72 hours without a new prescription. COMAR 10.19.03.08C (1) The partial filling of a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedule II is permissible, if the pharmacist is unable to supply the full quantity called for in a written or emergency oral prescription, and the pharmacist makes a notation of the quantity supplied on the face of the written prescription (or written record of the emergency oral prescription). The remaining portion of the prescription may be filled within 72 hours of the first partial filling; however, if the remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within the 72-hour period, the pharmacist shall so notify the prescribing individual practitioner. No further quantity may be supplied beyond 72 hours without a new prescription.		
		Revision Summary 10.19.03.08: The purpose of this action is to bring Maryland regulations into harmony with federal law. 21 U.S.C. § 829(f) includes requirements for the partial filling of Schedule II substances that are not currently required under Maryland regulations. Specifically, the federal law requires that a partial fill be requested by a patient or prescriber, while Maryland regulations do not. The proposed amendment will cure this discrepancy. There is also a discrepancy related to partial fills in emergency situations. The federal statute requires that, in the event of an emergency partial fill, the remaining portion may be filled "not later than 72 hours after the prescription is issued." Maryland regulations, on the other hand, require that the remaining portion be filled within 72 hours "of the first partial filling." Though this difference is minor, it does indicate that the 72 hour period begins to toll at a different time under state regulations than it does under federal law. The regulation will thus be amended to mirror the language of the federal statute. Legislation		

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III. Committee Reports	E V	Christine McKenney- HealthWarehouse: 1. If a RX is received written for #30, 2 refills, is filling all #90 at one time allowable?		
A. Practice Committee	Evans, K. Commissioner	2.Are there any exemptions/stipulations to this? (non-control, maintenance med, etc.)		
		Proposed Response: Please reference Health Occupation §12-512: Single dispensing of prescription drugs by pharmacist.	Motion by committee to approve draft response with amended language	The Board voted to approve this motion
		<u>Lisa Kimbrough</u> : Does Maryland have legislation or regulations governing a pharmacist doing DUR or a technician doing prescription entry from a location outside of a licensed pharmacy, such as a residence?	from regulation; 2 nd by D. Ashby	
		Proposed response: No, however all standards and laws apply. There are no laws and/or regulations specific to this practice in Maryland.	Motion by committee to approve draft response with amended language; 2nd by D. Ashby	The Board voted to approve this motion
		Abigail Nies-McKesson, Nashville, TN: I am assisting our oncology practices in their efforts to open a physician dispensary in the state of Maryland that only dispenses oral oncolytic and supportive medications to their own patients. The medications would be adjudicated, double checked by the physician and then dispensed to the patient. I was reaching out to you to find out what board would govern this type of model. Since this is a physician dispensary, we license everything under the physician's medical license. Each state is different on how they are regulated.		
		Proposed response: The Maryland Board of pharmacy does not regulate physicians or their practice(s). Please refer to the Maryland Board of Physicians (BBQA) for information regarding physician dispensing permits.	After brief discussion, a motion was made to approve draft response; 2 nd by B. Oliver	The Board voted to approve this motion
		Richard Waithe-VUCA Health, Lake Mary, FL: I am reaching out to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy because we're hoping to confirm that it is okay for pharmacies in Maryland to offer their patients the choice of either traditional printed drug information or		

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		paperless drug information on their mobile phones or some other electronic device. Proposed response: This practice is not governed by the Maryland Pharmacy Act; however, the practice may be regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration. Valerie Snyder-Safeway Pharmacy: A local pediatrician is asking if my community pharmacy can dispense vaccinations for administration in his physician office. The patients in question are under 9 so we cannot administer the vaccine at the pharmacy. They intend to send prescriptions to our pharmacy for the specific patient that will be receiving the vaccine so it will not be for general "office use". They would like to send us the prescription order, we fill it, the parent picks up the vaccine and brings it to the physician office, and the physician administers the vaccine. Does	Motion by committee to approve draft response after brief discussion; 2 nd by D. Ashby	The Board voted to approve this motion
		Maryland pharmacy law allow this type of practice? Proposed response: Yes, Veronica Kerner-AAMC Ambulatory Pharmacy: If you are not billing for any service and thus not subject to the Medicare rules for "incident to" billing, could a pharmacist participate in a collaborative practice agreement from a central location making telephone calls (say hospital clinic of all pharmacists) without the prescriber physician(s) or ANP(s) of the agreement present in the same physical location?	Motion by committee to approve full response; 2 nd by N. Leikach	The Board voted to approve this motion
		Proposed response: Yes, a pharmacist may practice pharmacy independently. The Board does not govern reimbursement. Steve Bouyoukas-Walgreen Co. Steve is recused: 1. Does the MD BOP plan to adopt USP 795 and enforce the standards it lays out?	Motion by committee to approve draft response with "upgraded" language; 2nd by D. Ashby	The Board voted to approve this motion

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		2. If so, does the MD BOP allow for carve-outs, i.e. the flavoring of a conventionally manufactured/commercially available drug is not subject to the requirements associated with preparation of a compounded non-sterile product?		
		Proposed response: 1. The Board does have the authority to enforce standards of practice with respect to non- sterile compounding. However it has not adopted 795 into its regulations at this time.	Motion by K. Morgan to approve response #1 and table #2 for review and re-consideration next month	The Board voted to approve this motion
		2. See answer to #1.		
		Priscilla Bell, Baltimore City Health Department: I am in the middle of preparing a Standard Operations Procedure (SOP) for the clinics and there is a Pyxis medication dispenser in the clinics. Can you please provide me with the regulations for who should be responsible for the operation of the Pyxis (the stocking, and monitoring). I would really appreciate any information you can provide.		
		Proposed response: The prescriber under whose authority the drug is being purchased is ultimately responsible for the storage and handling of the drug including Pyxis. For further information contact Maryland Board of Physicians (BBQA).	Motion by committee to approve draft response; 2nd by D. Ashby	The Board voted to approve this motion

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B. Licensing Committee	D. Ashby, Chair	1. Review of Pharmacist Applications: a. TR- Via email, a request was sent inquiring about obtaining a pharmacist license by reciprocity. The individual is a foreign graduate and licensed pharmacist in CT. He passed the FPGEE in 2012 and TOEFL. To hold an active license in CT, the FPGEC was not a requirement at that time. His FPGEC application expired in 2017. (NABP policy for the FPGEC, is that the score is valid for five years and an individual must be FPGEC certified in order to apply for the License Transfer application (LTP). He is requesting approval from the MDBOP to grant approval to reactivate his License Transfer application status (NABP/LTP) and background check.	Recommendation by committee to approve extension of FPGEE and TOEFL scores for one year with the consideration that applicant is FPGEC certified for licensure by reciprocity	The Board voted to approve this motion
		This case was reviewed on the August 2019 Licensing Committee agenda. <u>Committee's Recommendation: Approve until:</u> <u>1.FPGEE & TOEFL for 1 year</u> <u>2.Need to be FPGEC certified to be licensed by reciprocity in MD</u> b. CLB- The licensee is requesting via email,	Recommendation by	The Pound voted
		that the CE hours that she used to reinstate her license on 8/12/2019, be considered for her September 30, 2019 renewal. She states that she will not have adequate time to complete the 30 CE hours in the coming month given other work requirements.	committee to approve waiving September CE requirements	The Board voted to approve this motion

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		"When reinstating, a licensee cannot have a license reflecting more than two-years." Which caused the licensee to have a license for one-month after reinstatement. Committee's Recommendation: Approve, Waive CE requirements for September renewal 2. Review of Pharmacy Intern Applications: NONE 3. Review of Pharmacy Technician Applications: NONE 4. Review of Distributor Applications: NONE 5. Review of Pharmacy Applications: a. ES- The Board previously denied the pharmacy application for a waiver pharmacy permit in July 2019. The waiver application is being resubmitted for consideration. Committee's Recommendation: Approve 6. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Programs: NONE 7. Review of Contraception Training Programs:	Recommendation by committee to approve waiver permit with possible request for further materials	The Board voted to approve this motion
		NONE 8. New Business: a. CPE Monitoring with NABP- Bulk purchasing of CPE Monitoring Plus subscriptions for MD license pharmacist and audit capabilities to	Recommendation by committee to deny, 2 nd from S. Bouyoukas	The Board voted to approve this motion

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		reduce operational costs for conducting CPE audits. The Board would be charged a fee of \$269,520.00. <u>Committee's Recommendation: Deny</u>		
C. Public Relations Committee	E. Yankellow, Chair	Public Relations Committee Update:		
D. Disciplinary	J. Hardesty, Chair	Disciplinary Committee Update		
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	N. Leikach, Chair	Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update		
IV. Other Business & FYI	K. Morgan, President			
V. Adjournment	K. Morgan, President	A. The Public Meeting was adjourned. B. K. Morgan convened a Closed Public Session to conduct a medical review committee evaluation of confidential applications.		
		C. The Closed Public Session was adjourned. Immediately thereafter, K. Morgan		

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		convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases. D. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Closed Public Session and the Administrative Session.		